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TO: The Secretary

THROUGH: P – Mr. Tarnoff

FROM: EAP – Winston Lord

SUBJECT: Your Participation in President Clinton's Meeting
           with Chinese President Jiang Zemin at the APEC
           Leaders Conference in Seattle
           Friday, November 19, 1:40-2:40 p.m.,
           The Rainier Club, Seattle

BACKGROUND

President Clinton's meeting in Seattle with President Jiang
Zemin climaxes a period of intensive high-level dialogue
following the President's approval in September of a
comprehensive engagement strategy and featuring your own
meeting with Foreign Minister Qian on September 30. This
meeting is the first between American and Chinese Presidents
since President Bush met his counterpart, then President Yang
Shangkun, in February 1989 -- before the June 1989 suppression
of the Chinese democracy movement in Tiananmen Square.

While President Jiang will come prepared to defend Chinese
positions on human rights, nonproliferation, and trade, we
believe that he will accentuate the positive and may bring with
him additional gestures on our core concerns. Our goal is to
rehearse the conceptual underpinnings of the engagement
strategy and thereby underscore President Clinton's commitment
to improving the U.S.-China relationship. But at the same
time, we should again underscore the urgent necessity of
progress on human rights and the other two areas as a
prerequisite for the fundamental improvement both sides wish.

TALKING POINTS

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Attachments:
Tab 1 - Scope Paper for the President
Tab 2 - Biography of President Jiang

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